

## Mukilteo School District

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Federal Communications Commission

<https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings>

RE: Petition to Waiver on USAC ruling  
FCC Form 470# 180023801 and Form 471# 181025627

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

This letter is to provide you with more information regarding our recent denial of funding for Form 470 and Form 471 for FY 2018, as identified above. We were denied funding solely based on a “clerical error” that was made during the time that several changes were being made to the timeframe for scheduling purposes. The error was not noticed by our consultant or myself, and I completed each task ‘to the letter’ to keep that schedule. We have filed for many years and we KNOW the rules, but this was caused by human error that was not recognized, so I have no other excuses.

I am compelled, however, to ask for a waiver for this rule based on a few factors. First, in our RFP there was a requirement that all bidders needed to attend a “mandatory” Pre-bid Conference. Only one vendor showed up for the pre-bid meeting, so only one vendor could have provided a response on the posting, no matter how many days it was open. The main reason for this requirement is because these kinds of fiber provisions usually require lots of information gathering in advance of the response to the RFP. We wanted to know who would be responding so that we would be able to provide them with information so that they could fairly respond to this proposal. However, only one response was received, processed and contract awarded. This contract ended up being for a 5-year term, so now I also have to 5-year contract that is now not eRate eligible, all because of a “typo”. The dates were originally set for Feb 8<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup>, and somehow, because of a Board meeting schedule change, etc., only one of the two dates were updated from Feb 8<sup>th</sup> to March 5<sup>th</sup>, and with February being a 28-day month, the error has cost us dearly. I am asking for this waiver because I take full responsibility for the error, but this will cost our school district a good deal of money as a result.

Please review the attachments and let me know if you would like any additional documentation and thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah M. Truax". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Deborah M. Truax